

<i>Month</i>	<i>No. of letters received from MPs during the last 12 months (month-wise)</i>	<i>No of letters in which final reply was sent (month-wise)</i>	<i>No. of letters pending (month-wise).<sup>*</sup> (cumulative)</i>
<i>B/F 2119</i>			
April	655	488	2489
May	382	372	2499
June	393	250	2642
July	329	227	2744
August	415	274	2885
September	740	364	3261
October	774	470	3565
November	613	619	3559
December	1103	919	3743
January, 92	557	509	3791

<sup>\*</sup>These are cumulative figures.

**Exploration of Gas in Krishna, Godavari and Kaveri Basins**

1412. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gas has been found in Krishna, Godavari and Kaveri basins;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any schemes for the exploration of gas from these river basins;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any foreign assistance is proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes Sir. Exploration in these basins is continuing and further 2-D and 3-D seismic survey and exploratory drilling by ONGC is planned in the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

(d) and (e). Four blocks in the Krishna-Godavari offshore basin and one in the Cauvery offshore basin have been offered for exploration by foreign and Indian companies under the Fourth Round of Bidding.